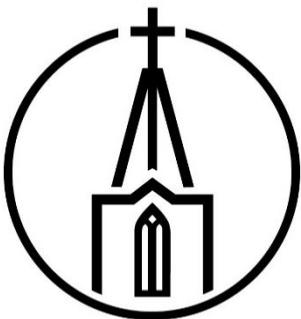


Saturday/Sunday, October 23/24, 2021
The 22nd Sunday after Pentecost



make me an
instrument
of your peace



**St. Paul's
Lutheran Church**
1100 Georgia Ave., Norfolk, Nebraska

Office & Website:
(402)371-1233 www.stpls.com

Times to Formally Gather around the Gospel:

Saturday: 6:30 PM Worship Service

Sunday: 9:00 AM Worship Service & 10:15 AM Bible Class

Monday: 6:30 PM Sisters-In-Faith... *women's faith and fellowship time, at church narthex*

Wednesday: 10:00 AM Bible Class

The Sunday service is broadcast live every week on KNEN, 94.7 FM, and livestreamed via our website – stppls.com.

These Sunday service video recordings are also archived on Youtube.

IT'S GREAT TO JOIN WITH YOU AS WE WORSHIP OUR LORD!

In our service we'll be doing three things: praising God for all His blessings through our words and songs, confessing our sins and being reminded of His forgiveness and grace, and then also using His Gospel to grow and be strengthened in faith.

We have a two-fold purpose here at St. Paul's, to strengthen faith of Christians who already belong to this congregation through Word and sacraments, and also to reach out with the Gospel of Jesus Christ to those around us who may not know what Jesus has accomplished for all mankind - forgiveness of their sins through faith!

PRIVATE PRAYER: Father, You know the multitude of sins I have committed in my life and even this past week. Help me hate my sin more and grow in grace as I contemplate what Christ has done to forgive me and free me from sin's death grip. Open the eyes of my heart to see the glorious hope we have in Christ, Your love for all of the saints, and Your power at work in us who believe (Ephesians 1:18-21). Cause my heart to burn within me as we worship You in word and song, and as we grow in and apply the Gospel.

**How would you define greatness? Is it power? Is it wealth? Is it fame?
In our service this evening/morning, the greatest who ever lived
shows us that true greatness comes through humble service.**

OPENING DIALOGUE

P: We begin our worship in the name of our Triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

C: We worship our Triune God because He has accomplished everything for our salvation!

P: O Lord, use my heart, my mind, and my mouth;

C: so that I may give You the praise and glory You deserve.

P: Be with us this evening/morning as we've gathered in Your holy name.

C: O Lord, come to us and bless us through Your Word.

P: Dear friends in Christ, may the Lord, and all His blessings, be with you!

C: Pastor, may He also be with you!

P: In Christ, we are all children of God through faith.

C: for all of us who were baptized into Christ have clothed ourselves with Christ. Galatians chapter three, verses twenty-six and twenty-seven.

P: Jesus teaches us in His Sermon on the Mount - "You are the salt of the earth;

C: You are the light of the world.

P: Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds

C: and praise your Father in heaven." Matthew chapter five, verses thirteen through sixteen.

P: The Apostle Peter writes - "In your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have.

C: But do this with gentleness and respect. First Peter chapter 3, verse 15.

P: The Apostle Paul writes - "As we have opportunity, let us do good to all people,

C: especially to those who belong to the family of believers." Galatians chapter six, verse ten.

P: Again, Paul commands us - "Whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus,

C: giving thanks to God the Father through him." Colossians chapter three, verse seventeen. Let us worship the Lord our God!

OUR FIRST HYMN #490 "Love in Christ Is Strong and Living"

WE CONFESS OUR SINS

P: Let's remind ourselves of God's holy commands which guide the behavior we are to show both to God and the people around us.

You shall have no other gods.

C: We should fear, love, and trust in God above all things.

P: You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.

C: We should fear and love God that we do not use his name to curse, swear, lie, or deceive, or use witchcraft, but call upon God's name in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks.

P: Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

C: We should fear and love God that we do not despise preaching and his Word, but regard it as holy and gladly hear and learn it.

P: Honor your father and mother; that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth.

C: We should fear and love God that we do not dishonor or anger our parents and others in authority, but honor, serve and obey them, and give them love and respect.

P: You shall not murder.

C: We should fear and love God that we do not hurt or harm our neighbor in his body, but help and befriend him in every bodily need.

P: You shall not commit adultery.

C: We should fear and love God that we lead a pure and decent life in words and actions, and that husband and wife love and honor each other.

P: You shall not steal.

C: We should fear and love God that we do not take our neighbor's money or property, or get it by dishonest dealing, but help him to improve and protect his property and means of income.

P: You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

C: We should fear and love God that we do not tell lies about our neighbor: betray him, or give him a bad name, but defend him, speak well of him, and take his words and actions in the kindest possible way.

P: You shall not covet your neighbor's house.

C: We should fear and love God that we do not scheme to get our neighbor's inheritance or house, or obtain it by a show of right, but do all we can to help him keep it.

P: You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, workers, animals, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

C: We should fear and love God that we do not force or entice away our neighbor's spouse, workers, or animals, but urge them to stay and do their duty.

P: As baptized children of God, we confess our sins.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

P: Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless (Ephesians 5:25-27). Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

ALL SING: (melody CW #152)

1 All glo - ry be to God on high!
2 Our grate - ful thanks to you we bring,
Your name, O Lord, we glo - ri - fy;
For your great glo - ry, heav'n - ly King,
We praise you for your peace and grace,
For all, O Fath - er, you have done
Your fav - or toward our fal - len race.
Through Je - sus Christ, your on - ly Son.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

An Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 53:7-12

Jesus willingly allowed himself to suffer the punishment of all the sins of all people of all time. He paid the price with his humble service and won the victory for all people.

⁷ He was oppressed and afflicted,
yet he did not open his mouth;
he was led like a lamb to the slaughter,
and as a sheep before its shearers is silent,
so he did not open his mouth.
⁸ By oppression and judgment he was taken away.
Yet who of his generation protested?
For he was cut off from the land of the living;
for the transgression of my people he was punished.

⁹ He was assigned a grave with the wicked,
and with the rich in his death,
though he had done no violence,
nor was any deceit in his mouth.

¹⁰ Yet it was the LORD's will to crush him and cause him to suffer,
and though the LORD makes his life an offering for sin,
he will see his offspring and prolong his days,
and the will of the LORD will prosper in his hand.

¹¹ After he has suffered,
he will see the light of life and be satisfied;
by his knowledge my righteous servant will justify many,
and he will bear their iniquities.

¹² Therefore I will give him a portion among the great,
and he will divide the spoils with the strong,
because he poured out his life unto death,
and was numbered with the transgressors.

For he bore the sin of many,
and made intercession for the transgressors.

CHOIR

Saturday is recorded Praise Choir; Sunday is the Adult Choir.

A Gospel Lesson: Mark 10:35-45

Jesus gave us the greatest example of greatness. He humbly offered His life to pay for the freedom of all mankind. True greatness comes through humble service.

³⁵ Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to him. “Teacher,” they said, “we want you to do for us whatever we ask.”

³⁶ “What do you want me to do for you?” he asked.

³⁷ They replied, “Let one of us sit at your right and the other at your left in your glory.”

³⁸ “You don’t know what you are asking,” Jesus said. “Can you drink the cup I drink or be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with?”

³⁹ “We can,” they answered.

Jesus said to them, “You will drink the cup I drink and be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with, ⁴⁰ but to sit at my right or left is not for me to grant. These places belong to those for whom they have been prepared.”

⁴¹ When the ten heard about this, they became indignant with James and John. ⁴² Jesus called them together and said, “You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. ⁴³ Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴ and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. ⁴⁵ For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

WE CONFESS OUR CHRISTIAN FAITH

I believe in the one true God, who reveals himself as three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

He created everything that exists out of nothing in six days.

He sustains and provides for His created world.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God the Son, who came to earth to live the perfect life that I could not.

I know that He was the complete sacrifice for my sin. He died so that I might live. He rose from the grave victorious over sin and death, guaranteeing that all my sins are forgiven.

He left this earth visibly, went up into heaven and now rules with all power and authority because he is God and his work on this earth is finished.

He will come again one day as Judge, to finally defeat his enemies and to bring believers to live with him forever in heaven.

I believe in God the Holy Spirit, who has brought me to faith and made me God's child and an heir of eternal life. Now he pleads to the Father on my behalf, strengthens me when I am spiritually weak and empowers me for service to my loving Savior, Jesus. All this He does through the Gospel, God's Word and sacraments.

God's Word points me to my need for a Savior, and to His saving love for me. I believe the Bible is the true Word of God which teaches and guides me now to live for Him because of all the things my God has done for me.

HYMN #362 "Lord Jesus Christ, My Savior Blest"

SERMON MEDITATION Hebrews 4:9-14

"Under the Knife of God's Word"

- I. It opens us up.
- II. Make sure it stays sharp!

⁹ There remains... a Sabbath-rest for the people of God; ¹⁰ for anyone who enters God's rest also rests from their works, just as God did from his. ¹¹ Let us, therefore, make every effort to enter that rest, so that no one will perish by following their example of disobedience.

¹² For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. ¹³ Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

¹⁴ Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess.

OUR THANK-OFFERING

If you haven't already, please place your thank-offering in the plate located in the back of church. Scanning this QR code works too!



Luke 6:38 Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."

OFFERING PRAYER AND HYMN

Lord, may we always give our gifts to You as a thank-offering for the magnificent gift of Jesus that You so generously gave to us. Make our act of giving to be a blessing and not a burden. As we reflect more and more on all You have given us, make us eager and willing givers from all the gifts You have poured on us. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

#484 "Brothers, Sisters, Let Us Gladly"

The musical score is written on six staves of music. Each staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#), and a 3/4 time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: "I Broth-ers, sis - ters, let us glad - ly Give to God our all, our best— Ser - vice heart - y, thor-ough, hon - est, With a liv - ing love im - pressed. All our du - ty, all our striv - ing, All our time to him be - long; Praise him, then, with true de - vo - tion; Come be - fore him with a song."

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PRAYERS

P: Heavenly Father, You loved the world and gave Your Son to liberate us from sin and death by His obedient death on the cross.

C: We confess that without Your love we are lost.

P: Lord of the Church, we thank You for the treasure of the Gospel. As our lives seem to be filled with busyness and challenges, use Your Holy Spirit to keep our attention on Jesus, who perfectly fulfilled Your plan of salvation.

C: Strengthen our motivation and determination to live more and more of our lives according to Your will, even if it means more effort, or if people make fun of me.

P: Let us pray for those who carry a cross in the name of Christ and face ridicule and persecution because of their faith: missionaries and chaplains, young people who stand up for what is right in the face of pressure to do what is wrong, and all who pay a high price for their faith and their values as Christians.

C: By your Spirit, O Lord, give them patience, trust and extra strength.

P: Let us pray for those who carry heavy burdens in life: the sick and the chronically ill, the depressed and the lonely, those torn by conflict in personal relationships, those victimized by war and injustice, and all who face the terrors of life with a heavy heart.

C: Give them confidence and peace, O Lord, and in Your mercy, be their guardian and friend, their comfort and hope.

P: Let us pray for those who care for others: pastors and counselors; physicians and nurses; social workers and caring friends; all who feed the hungry, comfort the hurting, and stand beside the dying.

C: Strengthen them in their work, O Lord, and do not let them become weary in doing good.

P: Gracious God, we know every blessing comes from Your gracious and powerful hand. We all thank You for the gift of good health, but when we do need extra medical help, we thank You for the gifts of medicines, doctors and nurses, technology and hospitals. We ask for Your guiding and protecting as Marlin Winter, Bill Miller, and Heather Dederman receive medical care. Please bless the care and the medicines they receive, and if it is Your will, please give these brothers and sister quick recoveries so that they can return home as soon as possible, and in all circumstances, remind Marlin, Bill and Heather of the most precious blessing of sins forgiven through Jesus.

Hear us, Lord, as we bring You our private prayers.

Silent, personal prayer thanking God for blessings, and asking for even more!

P: Help us to faithfully and selflessly live all of our lives according to Your will in all circumstances. Keep us faithful to the truths of Your holy Word which guide our daily lives here and now, and which thankfully, also, bring us to the goal of eternal life in heaven! We ask for these things through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who has also taught us to pray -

ALL: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN #331 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

WELS CONNECTION

Serving In the Lord's House Today

Worship Leader: Pastor Paul Hirsch

Organist: Mrs. Diane Herbolzheimer

Radio Broadcasters: Ron Kraemer & Walt Tinius

Video Tech: Chad Moyer

Elder: Dave Nelson

Ushers: Leon Sweigard & Zach Kruse

Power Point: Weinrich's (Sat.) Noah Doescher (Sun.)

SERVING NEXT WEEK

Elder: Miles Spreeman

Ushers:

Power Point: Weinrich's (Sat.) Katrina Moyer (Sun.)

Worshipping the Lord

Last Week's Attendance: Sat. 6:30 PM – 33; Sun. 9:00 AM – 132; **Total = 165**
Sunday Bible Class – 23; Wednesday Bible Class – NA

Announcements for October 23/24

- 1) Our next **Congregational/Voters Meeting** will be held this Sunday, October 24, 10:15 AM in the church basement. Any and all members are invited and encouraged to attend to learn and share information, but when it comes time for final decisions, the voters will take ***A major item is moving forward, or not, with school improvement plans.***
- 2) A **congregational book fair** is being held for the next month or so. A sampling of books offered through our Northwestern Publishing House will be on display in the narthex for you to inspect and order, books ranging from private prayer books, devotionals for families/individuals, Bible story books for kids, copies of our Synod's newest hymnal, and adult Bible studies. Here's just a sliver of titles: "52 Ways to Connect as a Couple" – "Devotional Thoughts on Favorite Hymns" – "Guys are Waffles Girls are Spaghetti" – "5-Minute Bible Studies for Teens." Jodi Hirsch will be doing double-duty between the SCRIP table and the book-fair.
- 3) New **Meditations** (starting 11/28) are available by the Communication Center.
- 4) **Our annual TRUNK OR TREAT is scheduled to be held on the afternoon of Sunday, October 31, 2:00-3:30 PM.** This is a school-wide event that is a fun way to create awareness of our ministry within the community! To sign-up to enter your trunk or to find out how to help in other ways, please visit the Sign-Up Genius link here: <https://tinyurl.com/4ncmhdma> or scroll down on our main webpage: www.stpls.com. Thanks for your help making this year's event another success!
- 5) **Pastry Puffins are back!** Students from St. Paul's are tasked with selling delicious pastry puffin treats to raise funds for our school. This fundraiser has been incredibly successful in the past. If you're interested in purchasing some goodies, find one of our St. Paul's students or let Aaron Markgraf know and he can get you connected with someone. Wednesday, October 27 is the deadline.
- 6) **The Fellowship Group** will meet tonight (Sunday 10/24) at 6:00 PM in the church basement. This is a group of church members dedicated to helping serve the needs of St. Paul's Ministries. Let it be known we would like for the group to grow and make it able to do more. Membership is for anyone that is confirmed and a member of St. Paul's. We meet once a month, normally at 6 PM, starting with a pot-luck supper. A free will donation is take to help support the group. After eating we normally have a short bible study followed by a meeting. We end the

evening with a game of cards with prizes. A schedule is made for monthly hosts, for Sunday coffees (3rd Sunday of the month), and meetings. The hosts supply a dessert for the pot luck.

- 7) Please check your calendar to see if you can help in our **“Greeter Program.”** While we’re all greeters every Sunday (or Saturday!), looking for the opportunity to introduce ourselves to the guests at our services, it’s nice to have a friendly person or two be in the narthex most of pre-service, giving a friendly “Good morning!” and distributing service folders. There’s a sign-up sheet for the month of October at the Communication Center.

- 8) **Shepherd of Peace Expansion Dedication:** Please join us as we wrap up our expansion project which added a new entry way and some office space! Our expansion dedication will be on Sunday, November 14 from 12pm - 2pm. We will be serving a pulled pork meal for \$5/meal (to go meals available) along with holding a silent auction - the auction will close at 1:30pm with winners announced shortly after. All money raised will go toward the expansion.

You made a Difference for the WELS Central Africa Medical Mission

“As we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.”

Galatians 6:10

The WELS Central Africa Medical Mission (CAMM) has been blessed over the past 60 years with the generous support of WELS members. We thank God for these gifts and pray for his continued blessings!

Below is a brief update on how your gifts are being used to support gospel ministry through CAMM’s Christ-centered healthcare:



We are transitioning our Malawi Mobile Clinic operations over to a fully Malawian staff so we can free up our resources to explore expansion into other African countries and potentially throughout the world.

- We have repaired and

renovated all of our clinic buildings, including adding private exam and consultation rooms so more patients are comfortable coming to our clinic.

- We are supporting disabled children in Malawi by providing transportation to physical therapy services. These children were introduced to us through the local Lutheran Church of Central Africa-Malawi pastor who uses the service our clinic provides to connect with non-members.
- We now have the capability to hire more staff as needed. Many of our staff are members of one of our sister churches in Malawi and Zambia, which strengthens our relationship with the local churches and the synods overall.

Thank you for helping us get to this point! There is more work to be done in Africa and throughout the world. The Lord calls us to help the "least of these." (Matthew 25:40) **Pray** for his continued blessing of staff members who can share their faith with the patients by offering Christ-centered healthcare. **Share** the work that the Central Africa Medical Mission does throughout Zambia, Malawi, and potentially more of Africa. **Ask** God to allow CAMM to expand to other countries where we can offer basic healthcare in support of gospel ministry. Thank you for your continued support of the Central Africa Medical Mission!

Learn more at wels.net/camm.

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church
Quarterly Voters' Assembly
Sunday, October 24th, 2021 -- 10:15 AM

I. Call to Order and Devotion

II. Reception of any new voting members

III. Minutes from previous meeting

IV. Reports:

1. Board of Elders

Membership Transactions:

a) Transfer: Dennis & Barb Brandt to St. Paul's, Brownsville, WI

b) Release: Jessica Pint

2. Board of Trustees

3. Board of Christian Education/School Administrator

4. Pastor's Report

5. Board of Finance Report

6. Endowment/Trust Committee

7. NELHS Delegate

8. WELS Representative Report

9. Cemetery Board

10. Building Committee

11. Evangelism Committee

V. Old Business:

1.

2.

VI. New Business:

1. Proposal for Fundraising Firm

2.

VII. Adjourn / Prayer

SOME CHURCH FUNCTIONS THIS WEEK:

Sunday, 10/24 = Worship Service, 9:00 AM
Congregational/Voters' Meeting, 10:15 AM
Sunday School, 10:15 AM
Youth Group Bible Study, 3:00-4:00 PM
Fellowship Group, 6:00 PM

Monday, 10/25 = Sisters in Faith, 6:30 PM

Wednesday, 10/27 = Worship Service Broadcast on Local Cable 12, 9:00 AM
NO Bible Class (Schlieve), 10:00 AM *Will resume on 11/3!*
Public School Confirmation Class, 2:15 PM
Choir, 7:00 PM

Thurs. – Fri. = NO School (Parent / Teacher Conferences)

Saturday, 10/30 = Worship Service, 6:30 PM *Organist: Mrs. Shannon Spreeman*

Sunday, 10/31 = Worship Service, 9:00 AM
Coffee / Bible Study, 10:15 AM
Sunday School, 10:15 AM
Trunk or Treat, 2:00-3:30 PM

Church Cleaning Teams:

Oct. 24 – Team 6 (Kristin Bauer, Linda Jensen, Kelly Meysenburg,
Dan & Karen Pufahl, Barb Reeves, Carol Wachter, Veryl Winter)

Oct. 31 & Nov. 7 – Team 1 (Chad & Alicia Moyer, Kathy Janovec,
Bill & Sue Ulrich)

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